Lower Savannah Council of Governments' Aging & Disability Resource Center attended the CMS Systems Transformation Grant Retreat and provided an update to participants on the continuing progress made towards:

- The Travel Management & Coordination Center (TMCC)
- Expansion of the ADRC from two counties to all six counties in the Lower Savannah region
- The addition of persons with developmental disabilities into the target group of the ADRC
- The contractual relationship between the Lower Savannah ADRC and Aiken County Board of Disabilities for information, referral and assistance

….. which are all goals and objectives assigned to Lower Savannah within this grant.

Retreat attendees spent the morning session together going over all the goals of the CMS Systems Transformation Grant (CMS STG) including the items listed above and others such as SC Access and prioritization of the CLTC waiting list within the state.   In the afternoon, attendees met in smaller classrooms with their assigned CMS STG workgroup.

Dana Luttrull, of Lower Savannah ADRC, facilitated the two afternoon sessions of the Transportation Work Group where a discussion regarding the proposed mobility center (Travel Management & Coordination Center) took place. The discussion centered on transportation stakeholder needs for those who might use the future TMCC. This would include consumers, transportation providers, funding sources or government entities, and human service agencies. A chart of these Identified User Needs has been provided as a separate attachment. These needs were being "translated" into mobility center system requirements and due in a formal document to the FTA on February 15, 2008.

The technology needed to implement a successful TMCC was also discussed in the afternoon groups. A mobility center to serve the Lower Savannah region needs a comprehensive communications system that would include telephones, PBX and Interactive Voice Response, Automatic Vehicle Location devices, Mobile Data Computers mounted inside vehicles being used for coordinated transportation, updated scheduling and route optimization software, and an interface with SC Access for data reporting.

The USC evaluation team members brought up a discussion regarding the Mobility Services for All Americans (MSAA) grant that is being used in conjunction with the CMS ST grant to design a mobility center and the possibility that Lower Savannah Council of Governments may not be successful in winning the MSAA Phase II implementation monies to be used to build the mobility center. Was there an emerging Plan B if the MSAA grant was not successful? Dana addressed the question during the work group and then followed up with Kim Dauner of USC for an individual conversation around the evaluation of the mobility center under CMS and MSAA grants.